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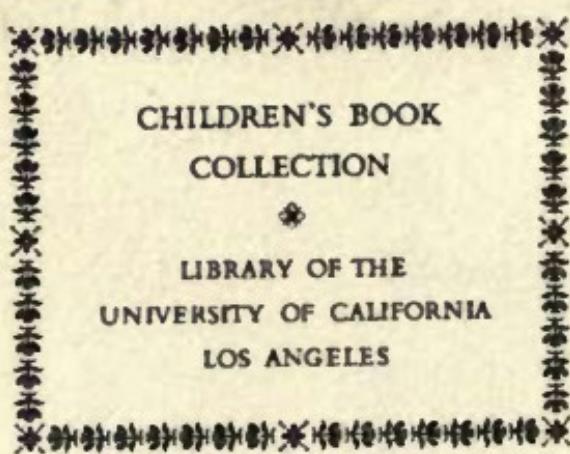
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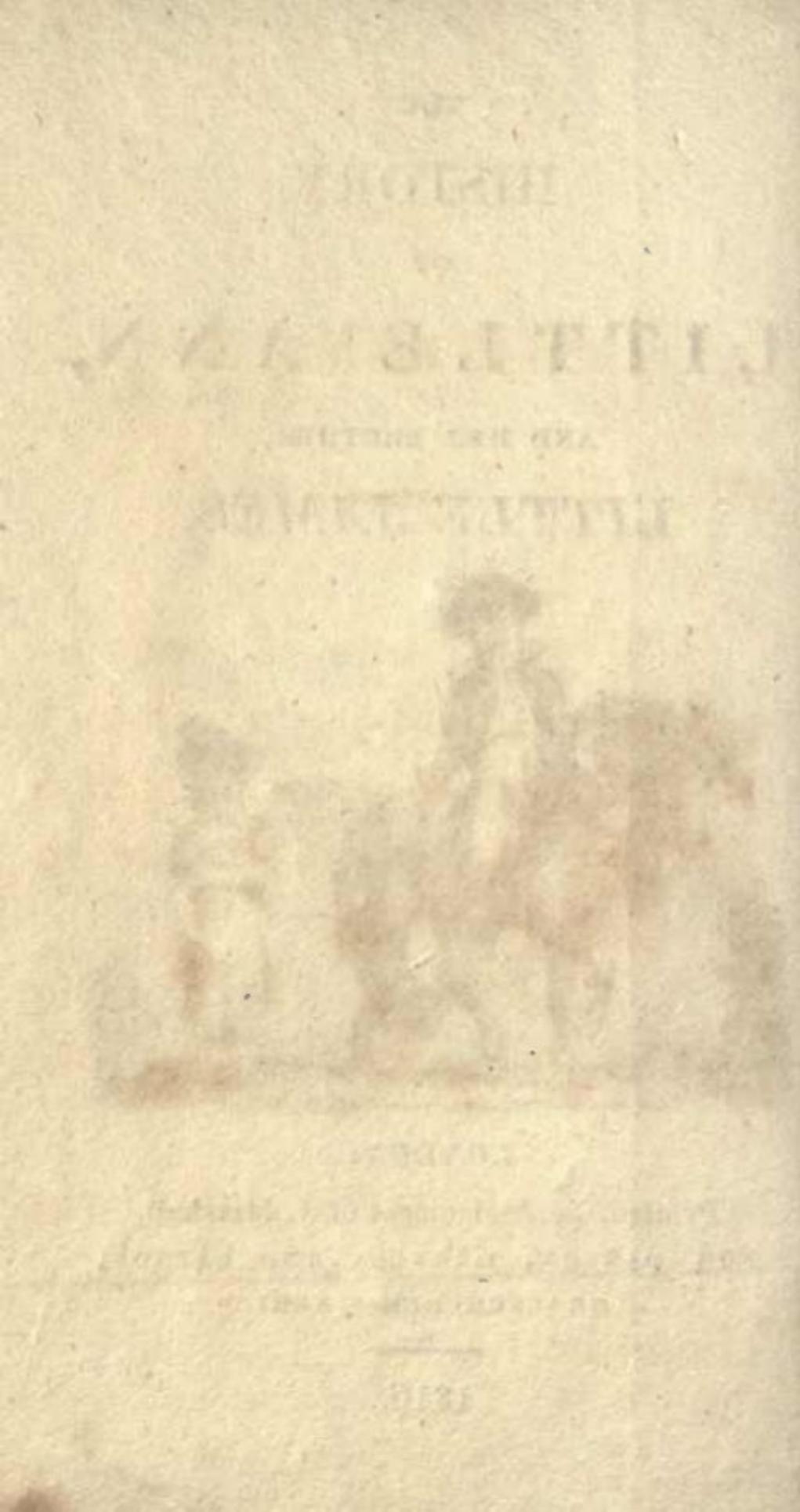
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THE
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NOT long ago, I went to see some friends, where I met two such good children, that I thought you would all like to hear about them.

One of them was a little girl, and the other was a little boy.

The little girl's name was Ann; the little boy they called James.



*Little Ann and little James, with their
Mamma and Papa in the Garden.*

Little Ann was five years old, and little James was six years old. They were in the garden, with their mamma and papa, when I went to see them

As the little girl and little boy were so good, I one day made pretty pictures of what they did. I am very fond of good children, and love to please them, I therefore gave the pictures to the person who prints so many pretty books for you, and he said he would put them, also, into a little book, and print about them, that you might learn to be good too.

When these good children were called in the morning, they jumped up at once.

They did not fret and cry, as some silly boys and girls do; but they ran to Betty, and she combed their hair, washed their hands and face, and dressed them.

As soon as they were dressed, they played a little, and then went into the parlour.

When they first went into the parlour, they always made enquiry after the health of their kind parents. And they said, Good morning to you,



*The Maid calling little Ann and little
James in the Morning.*

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mamma; Good morning to you, papa.

When their mamma or papa said, How do you do, Ann? or, How do you do, James? they did not put up their shoulders, or hang down their heads and look silly, as some children do; but they spoke at once, and said, I am very well, I thank you, mamma; or, I am very well, I thank you, papa? And because they were so good, their mamma and papa kissed them both; and then they went to breakfast.

Butter is not good for little

girls or boys, so Ann and James had for breakfast a piece of dry bread and a little mug of milk; or else bread and milk boiled.

They ate slowly, and without biting the spoon, or making a noise in their mugs; neither did they spill the milk over themselves, nor upon the table, nor the floor.

If their food was too hot, they did not hurt themselves by eating it in haste, but waited with good humour till it was cool enough; for eating any victuals too hot is very hurtful.



Little Ann and little James reading their Books.

When breakfast was over,
Ann and James read in a book
to their mamma.

Ann used to read first.
When she went to read, she
took the book to her mamma,
and said, If you please, mamma,
hear me read my lesson.

As soon as Ann had done
reading, then James went, and
spoke to his mamma in the
same pretty manner.

They looked at the place to
which their mamma pointed.
They did not look first at the
bottom of the book, and then
at the top, or tumble it about
to tear it.

Sometimes, when they read very well indeed, their mamma gave them pictures to play with and to cut out. And the pictures had horses, and cows, and dogs, and houses, and many pretty things in them.

When the weather was dry, Ann and James had leave to go into the yard, and feed the pigeons.

James carried a little basket for Ann, and Ann took out the peas, and flung them to the pigeons.



*Little Ann and little James feeding the
Pigeons.*

As soon as the pigeons saw them open the yard-door, they all flew down, and caine round them.

There were a great many pigeons; but one was a very pretty pigeon indeed. It was quite white, and had a tail like a fan; and was called a fan-tailed pigeon.

The pretty fan-tailed pigeon would sit upon Ann's shoulder whilst it ate out of her brother's hand.

The pigeons were so tame, because the children never frightened them, by driving them about or throwing stones at them.

Ann and James had a nice new chaise, which was given to them by their grandmamma. Sometimes their mamma and papa had company, and could not go out with them. Then John, who was a careful, good servant, used to draw them in the chaise through the park, and by the wood, and down to the dairy.

And when they came to the dairy, they had nice cakes and cream. They took care not to eat too much, because their mamma told them not to eat too much, as it might make them sick.



*Little Ann and little James riding in
the Park.*

As soon as they had done eating, they thanked the dairy-maid, and then John put them into the chaise again, and away they went home.

Ann sometimes went with her mamma to visit the ladies who lived near them. While Ann was in the ladies' houses, she always sat very quiet, and did not speak, except she was first spoken to.

When the ladies asked Ann any question, she was very attentive, answered at once,

and, if a lady asked Ann to eat a bit of cake, she said, Yes, if you please; or, No, I thank you; and always spoke in a pretty manner, and not rudely.

At some of the houses where they called, there were little girls of the same age as Ann. And the little girls would take her to look at their dolls and other playthings. But Ann did not wish to have them, for she knew that would be very selfish and naughty.

She had dolls and playthings of her own, at home, and she was contented with them.

One time, because James behaved like a good boy, his grandpapa made him a present of a very pretty little poney.

When James had said his lesson well to his mamma, his papa let him ride out in the morning on this little poney. It was of a dun colour, and its fine flowing mane and long tail looked like silver.

Little girls and boys may see by this, how much the best it is to be good, and to make our friends love us; for if these children had been naughty, their parents would not have indulged them in this manner.

When the weather was likely to be wet, or the roads were dirty, then Ann and James rode in the coach with their mamma and papa.

One day, as they were riding slowly up a hill, a poor man and woman with two little children met them. The poor man had lost one arm, and so was not able to work for money to keep his wife and children.

The woman had one child at her back; the other she led by the hand.

The man took off his hat and asked for some money.



*Little Ann and little James riding in the
Coach with their Mamma and Papa.*

The poor woman cried, and the little girl that she held by the hand, asked Ann for a bit of the cake which she was eating. Ann was a very good girl, and not greedy, so she gave the cake to the poor child. James, too, gave his cake to the woman, for the other child.

Their mamma and papa said they were good children, and gave them some money, to give to the poor man and woman. These poor people were very thankful for what was given them, and then the coach went on.

Ann and James were two of the best children in the world whilst at their meals. They sat quietly till they were helped, and never put their fingers into the dishes, or meddled with any of the things which were on the table.

Each of them had a little knife and fork, which they used in a very proper manner. If they waited to be helped, they laid their knife and fork down; neither did they hold them up while they were eating, because they knew that would be wrong.

They never found fault with



Little Ann and little James at Dinner.

what was put upon their plates, nor made a noise with their mouths in eating.

Before they drank, they made it a rule to empty their mouths, and to wipe their lips with the napkin.

They were far from being greedy, and never eat more than was proper for them.

They did not leave the table as soon as they had had enough, but staid till all who were at dinner were done eating, and then, after sitting a little while, they asked their parents if they might go.

When there was not any company, Ann and James, after dinner, went into the parlour. Ann sat down to work with her mamma, while James read pretty stories aloud.

When James made a mistake in a word, his papa told him how to read it in the right manner. Or if it was a very long word, he was told to spell it; but as James had been attentive to his learning, this was not often the case.

When they had been in the parlour about an hour, then they had leave to go to play.



*Little Ann at work, and little James
reading.*

Their papa had a fine lawn before his house. And when the grass was cut down, Ann and James had a little rake and a little fork given to them by their mamma, and they made hay together; and John helped them.

Little James had a nice waggon; and when the hay was made, he carried it upon the waggon; and John made the hay into a rick, for James's little poney to eat in the winter, when the snow lies on the ground, and there is but little grass in the fields.

Sometimes, when Ann and James had been good, they walked abroad in the evening with their mamma and papa.

They were always sure to mind how they stepped, and took care not to tear their clothes with the brambles or bushes; but walked before their mamma and papa, like good children.

Their mamma and papa were so good as to tell them the names of many birds, and flowers, and other things which they met with in their walks; and that, you know, was very kind of them.



*Little Ann and little James walking with
their Mamma and Papa.*

When the time came for Ann and James to go to bed, they did not murmur and ask to stay longer; though they loved their parents, and wished to be always with them.

As soon as the maid came in, they went to their mamma and papa, and wished them good night, saying, Mamma, I wish you good night: Papa, I wish you good night. Then their mamma and papa kissed them, and they went to bed.

I have known some children who were afraid of being left in the dark, when they were put to bed; and would

cry, if a candle were not left in the room, or if the maid did not sit by the side of the bed till they went to sleep; but this was not the case with little Ann and little James. Their mamma and papa had taught them that good children need not fear being in the dark, and that it is only silly and naughty children who cry when they are left alone or in the dark. Blind people are always in the dark, yet they do not cry.



*Little Ann and little James wishing their
Mamma and Papa good Night.*

A Child's Evening Prayer.

ALMIGHTY POWER,
Who to this hour
 Hast shed thy care o'er me,
Thy grace impart,
That this weak heart
 May be more worthy thee!

Teach me to stay
In virtue's way
 Throughout this busy life;
My mind improve,
My friends to love,
 And shun all angry strife.

And, Oh, may I
My parents' joy
 And comfort ever be;
And thus repay
Each anxious day
 That they have spent for me!

A Child's Morning Prayer.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, thee I pray,
To guide and guard me thro' the day;
To make me grateful, kind, and true,
Obedient and attentive too,
Unto my dear and tender mother,
My father, sister, friend, and brother.
Oh, may I ne'er forgetful be,
Of all I owe, my God, to thee!
And ever, ever take delight,
To merit favour in thy sight.

THE END.



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